SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

DAVID T. MCDONALD, ET AL.,

Petitioners,

v.

SECRETARY OF STATE SAM REED, ET AL,

Respondents.

NO.

DECLARATION OF JEREMY HIEBEL IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS

- I, Jeremy Hiebel, declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Washington that the following is true and correct:
- 1. I am over the age of 18, am competent to be a witness herein, and make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge.
- 2. I registered to vote for the first time in the spring of 2004. I registered to vote in King County by filling out a voter's registration form in person at a precinct location in

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Laurelhurst, during a local election. I received my voter's registration card approximately six weeks after I registered to vote. While I have been eligible to vote for the past fifteen years, the magnitude of this year's election compelled me to register to vote and get involved in the election process. Thus, it is very important to me that my vote is counted.

- 3. Prior to the November 2, 2004 election, I attempted to locate my designated polling place. I first tried to locate my polling place by entering my address in to the King County website. However, the website indicated that my address could not be found. Thus, I contacted the King County Election's office by phone. I was informed that my address was not in the system, and that on Election Day I could go to any polling location to vote by provisional ballot.
- 4. On Election Day, November 2, 2004, I voted by provisional ballot at a polling location in Kenmore. I was given the stub from my provisional ballot that contained a registration number, which I could use to check the status of my ballot.
- 5. Since the election, I regularly checked the King County website in order to ascertain the status of my ballot. The website continually indicated that my ballot had not yet been counted. On or about November 16, 2004, the day before the certification of the results from the November 2, 2004 election, I once again entered the number from my provisional ballot stub. This time when I entered the number of my provisional ballot the website stated, "[y]our provisional ballot was received but *not* counted. Your provisional ballot was not counted because we could not confirm your registration in King County." (emphasis supplied). In addition to checking the website, I also called and spoke with an elections employee at King County. I was again informed that I was not listed as a registered voter in the King County election system.

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- 6. Given that I received a voter's registration card this summer, I have no idea why King County does not have me listed as a registered voter. I want King County to count my vote in this election. On Election Day, I filled out an additional voter's registration card, as the poll workers there informed me it was necessary in order for King County to have complete information. Additionally, in the past couple of weeks I have also, on my own initiative, mailed a voters registration card to the Secretary of States Office, in order to ensure that I am registered for the next election.
- 8. I was the person who signed the poll book and the person who signed the provisional ballot oath on the envelope.

DATED this 3 day of December, 2004 in <u>Fennare</u> was

Jeremy Hiebel

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